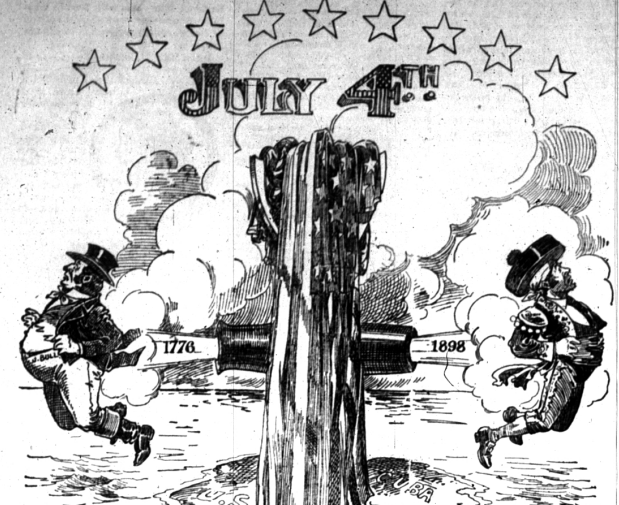



## THE FOURTH OF JULY

### BIRTHDAY OF THE GREATEST OF NATIONS.

**Why Every Patriotic American Should Rejoice and Give Thanks—History of the Declaration of Independence—Its Signers.**

One hundred and twenty-one years ago the bell rang in Independence hall in Philadelphia. To the uninitiated it pealed its sonorous notes for some unknown purpose. To those who, breath-

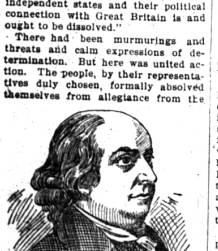
THOMAS JEFFERSON.

less, were waiting for the sound, it told the news that liberty had shaken off her shackles in the new world, that she had taken her rightful place and that hereafter the people would acknowledge the power of no ruler except such as might be chosen by themselves. It was a curious scene in that staid old Quaker town, the last place in the colonies where one would have suspected a spark would be given birth to light freedom's torch throughout the western hemisphere.

It was on the seventh day of June, 1776, that the delegates from the colonies sitting in congress in Philadelphia considered the following resolution introduced by Virginia's statesman, Richard Henry Lee:

"Resolved, That the United States colonies are and ought to be free and independent states and their political connection with Great Britain is and ought to be dissolved."

There had been murmurings and threats and calm expressions of determination. But here was united action. The people, by their representatives duly chosen, formally absolved themselves from allegiance from the



JOHN ADAMS.

mother country and said to the world that they had cast off their swaddling clothes, and were now able to walk alone. To speak with absolute truth, all the delegates did not favor this aggressive step. Some opposed it on the ground that it was premature. Nevertheless the resolution overcame opposition and was indorsed as stated, by the majority of one. Thirteen colonies were represented. Because seven of them voted and stood for independence, the United States is today what she is. Subsequent developments prove that had the action taken been delayed, the question of independence might have slept in peace until the herald of the people, no one knows how many years after, sounded the tocsin of revolution. The delegates thought it wise to defer the question of final consideration to July 1, 1776, by which time they believed there might be a more united feeling among the people.

Thus it was that on June 11, that famous committee was appointed to frame the declaration of independence. Note the names, and if you are a student of the history of the United States, conceive, if you can, of a better quintet to have represented the American people: Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Roger Sherman, Robert R. Livingston. The first was the man whose fame is ticked into our ears every time we hear a telegraph instrument, whose genius is placed in broad light whenever we enjoy the illumination of electricity. The second rose to be president of the nation he helped to form. The third is the father of what the world knows as Jeffersonian democracy. The fourth, puritan, patriot-leader, gave more in moral force and determination, in knowledge of the law and its common sense principles than almost any man who assisted at the birth of the nation. The fifth was the man of whom the majority of people know comparatively little, and yet there was none who better deserved a place of honor in the public mind. Eminent as a financier, a shrewd judge of human nature, his touch on the helm of state was exactly what was needed to keep the young craft on her course.

Jefferson had spoken but little in congress and he had no part in the arrimonies which then prevailed. In a plain brick house, corner of Market and Seventh streets, Philadelphia, he drafted the declaration of independence. The work was almost wholly Jefferson's, only a few verbal alterations being suggested by Adams and Franklin. It then was approved by the committee. A few passages were struck out by congress

Caesar Rodney, one of Delaware's delegates, in order to have his vote recorded, rode in the saddle from a point eighty miles from Philadelphia, all night, and reached the floor just in time on July 4 to cast Delaware's vote in favor of independence. On that day, ever memorable in American annals, the declaration of independence was

ROBERT R. LIVINGSTON.

adopted by the unanimous vote of the thirteen colonies.

The enthusiasm of the patriots at hearing the intelligence was unbounded. While congress had been discussing the subject, crowds assembled outside the hall and in the streets, anxiously awaiting the result. When it was announced at noon the state house bell, on which was inscribed "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto the inhabitants thereof," clanged deep and melodiously and the throng gave vent to long and loud shouts of exultation.

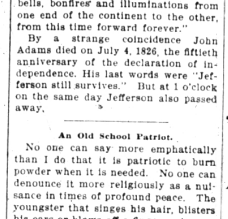
The old bell ringer had been at his post since early morning. He had placed his boy below to announce when the declaration was adopted, so that not an instant might be lost in transferring the glad tidings by means of the bell to the waiting multitude. As the wearisome hours passed and no sign came to him the aged bell ringer finally exclaimed "They will never do it! They will never do it!" Just then he heard his boy clapping his hands and vociferating at the top of his juvenile lungs "Ring! Ring!" The old hands swayed the sonorous bell with delirious vigor. Its reverberations was echoed by every steeple in the city.

That was a gala day in Philadelphia,

ROGER SHERMAN.

what with rejoicings and bonfires and illuminations. The cannon boomed and messengers rode away hotly in all quarters to announce the news. Washington then was in New York with the army. By his orders it was read to the soldiers, who acclaimed it enthusiastically. The townsfolk on that night tore the statue of George III. from its pedestal in Bowling Green and it was melted into 42,000 bullets for the patriotic troops.

"Yesterday," wrote John Adams to his wife, "the greatest question was decided that was ever debated in America; and greater, perhaps, never was or will be decided among men. A revolution was passed without one dissenting colony 'that these united colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent.' The day is passed. The Fourth of July, 1776, will be a memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great



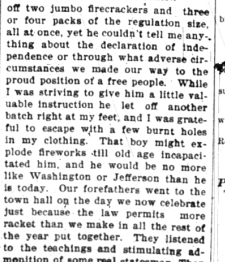
RICHARD HENRY LEE.

anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to Almighty God. It ought to be solemnized with pomp, shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of the continent to the other, from this time forward forever."

By a strange coincidence John Adams died on July 4, 1826, the fiftieth anniversary of the declaration of independence. His last words were "Jefferson still survives." But at 1 o'clock on the same day Jefferson also passed away.

**An Old School Patriot.**

No one can say more emphatically than I do that it is patriotic to burn powder when it is needed. No one can denounce it more religiously as a nuisance in times of profound peace. The youngster that singes his hair, blisters his ears or blows off a finger or two on the Fourth, has no higher conception of our institutions nor will do more for their perpetuation than will that youngster who bows to parental authority and sits in the back yard blowing a tin whistle in honor of the day. I have seen a half-grown boy touch



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

off two jumbo firecrackers and three or four packs of the regulation size, all at once, yet he couldn't tell me anything about the declaration of independence or through what adverse circumstances we made our way to the proud position of a free people. While I was striving to give him a little valuable instruction, he let off another batch right at my feet, and I was grateful to escape with a few burnt holes in my clothing. That boy might explode fireworks till old age incapacitated him, and he would be no more like Washington or Jefferson than he is today. Our forefathers went to the town hall on the day we now celebrate just because the law permits more racket than we make in all the rest of the year put together. They listened to the teachings and stimulating admonition of some real statesman. They sang patriotic anthems and they renewed their vows of fealty to the nation. It is about time to get back to the good old way of doing things in many matters bearing directly upon our welfare as a people.

I expect to be criticised as an old fogy and a crank, but the above are my sentiments. The most exalted patriotism can exist without the slightest ingredient of gunpowder.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STATE OF MICHIGAN, in the Circuit Court for the county of Oakland, in chancery—Galusia C. Gibbs, administrator of the estate of Margaret E. Sullivan, deceased, complainant, vs. Cornelius Sullivan, administrator of the estate of Peter L. Sullivan, deceased, Henrietta Sullivan, Cornelius Sullivan, Hettie J. Allen, Harry Sullivan, the unknown heirs of Michael Pearsoll, Robert Parks, George P. Morse, William Royce and Gilbert Hatch, defendants. Suit pending in the Circuit Court for the county of Oakland in chancery in the city of Pontiac, Michigan, May 13, 1898. It satisfactorily appearing unto the court by affidavit of Galusia C. Gibbs, that Michael Pearsoll, Robert Parks, George P. Morse, William Royce and Gilbert Hatch are dead, and the names, residences and whereabouts of the heirs at law of said above named persons or any of them are unknown, on motion of John V. Patterson, solicitor for complainant, it is ordered that the unknown heirs of said Michael Pearsoll, Robert Parks, George P. Morse, William Royce and Gilbert Hatch, deceased, cause their appearance to be entered herein within six months and one day from the date of this order and in case of their appearance, they cause their answer to complainant's bill of complaint to be filed and copy thereof to be served on said complainant's solicitor within twenty days after service on them of a copy of said bill of complaint and notice of this order, and in default thereof, that said bill of complaint be taken as confessed by said unknown heirs of said Michael Pearsoll, Robert Parks, George P. Morse, William Royce and Gilbert Hatch, deceased.

It is further ordered that within twenty days from the date hereof, said complainant cause a copy of this order to be published in the Michigan Exchange, a newspaper published and circulating in said county, and that such publication be continued therein once in each week for six successive weeks, or that he cause a copy of this order to be personally served on said unknown heirs of said above named persons, at least twenty days before the time prescribed for their appearance.

Dated Pontiac, Michigan, May 13, 1898.

GEORGE W. SMITH, Circuit Judge.

JOHN H. PATTERSON, Solicitor for Complainant, Pontiac, Mich.

(A True Copy), Frederick Harris, Register in Chancery.

May20-July1


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COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE—In the matter of the estate of ALVIN D. SHADBOLT, deceased. The undersigned, having been appointed by the Honorable Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate in and for the county of Oakland, state of Michigan, commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims against said estate, and six months from the 21st day of June, A. D. 1898, having been allowed by said Judge of Probate to all persons holding claims against said estate, in which to present them to us for examination and adjustment, notice is hereby given that we will meet on the 20th day of July, 1898, and on the 21st day of December, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m. of each day at the Exchange Bank, in the village of Birmingham, in said county, for the purpose of receiving and adjusting such claims.

EUGENE BROOKS, J. ALLEN HORTON, } Commissrs.

June24-July22

MORTGAGE SALE.—Default having been made in the payment of the money secured by a mortgage dated the 16th day of April, A. D. 1883, executed by Jefferson Aldrich and Clarissa Aldrich of Oakland County, Michigan, to Emily Bugbee, mortgagee, which said mortgage was recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of said county of Oakland, in Liber 38 of Mortgages, on page 564, on the 17th day of April, A. D. 1883 at 11 o'clock a. m.; and whereas the said mortgage has been duly assigned by the said Emily Bugbee, to Clarissa Aldrich, by assignment bearing date the 23d day of December, A. D. 1895, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of said county of Oakland the 23d day of December, A. D. 1895, at 2 o'clock p. m. in Liber of Mortgages 137, on page 70, and the same is now owned by Clarissa Aldrich. And there being now due and unpaid upon said mortgage for principal and interest the sum of seven hundred eighty-one and 83-100 dollars ($781.83) and the further sum of fifty dollars as an attorney fee as stipulated for in said mortgage; and no proceedings having been taken at law or in equity to recover the same or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage is now operative. Notice is hereby given that the said mortgage will be foreclosed, and the premises therein described will be sold according to law, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door of the Court House, in the city of Pontiac, Michigan, (that being the building wherein is held the Circuit Court for the county of Oakland) **on Saturday, the 6th day of August, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m.** The mortgaged premises to be sold are described therein as "The southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section five, township two north of range nine east containing forty acres of land more or less" situate in the township of West Bloomfield, Oakland County, State of Michigan. Said premises will be sold to satisfy the amount then due and costs of foreclosure (including an attorney fee as aforesaid.

Dated May 10, A. D. 1898.

CLARISSA ALDRICH, Assignee.

K. P. ROCKWELL, Atty. for Assignee, Pontiac, Mich.

May13-Aug5

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. COUNTY OF OAKLAND, } Notice is hereby given, that by an order of the Probate Court for the county of Oakland, made on the 20th day of June, 1898, six months from that date were allowed for creditors to present their claims against the estate of THOMAS GREEN, late of said county, deceased, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said Probate Court, at the Probate office, in the city of Pontiac, for examination and allowance, on or before the 20th day of June next, and that such claims will be heard before said Court, on Tuesday, the 20th day of December next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day.

Dated, June 20, A. D. 1898.

THOMAS L. PATTERSON, Judge of Probate.

June4-July22


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